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SUBJECT: VISITS OF RANKING USG OFFICERS TO THAILAND

1. DURING ACALL ON POLITICAL DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR-GENERAL OWAT, CHARGE TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO OUTLINE INFORMALLY UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF VISITS BY SENIOR USG OFFICERS. OWAT HAD PREVIOUSLY INDICATED IN THAT CONVERSATION THAT VIETNAMESE FONMIN NGUYEN DUY TRINH WOULD BE VISITING BANGKOK JAN 9-12.

2. CHARGE TOLD OWAT THAT WE WOULD HAVE ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OAKLEY AND NARCOTICS COORDINATOR FALCO ARRIVING SEPERATELY JAN 13-14, WITH MS. FALCO AND OAKLEY STAYING UNTIL JAN 17 AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN DEPARTING JAN 18. ALSO INDICATED THAT AFTER AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL WE WOULD BE BACK TO FONMINISTRY WITH SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR CALLS ON SENIOR RTG OFFICERS, INCLUDING POSSIBLY PRIMIN AND FONMIN.

3. OWAT EXPRESSED NO CONCERN OVER TIMING OF VISITS AND INDICATED THAT MINISTRY WOULD BE HAPPY TO COORDINATE LATER IN ARRANGING APPROPRIATE CALLS.

4. CHARGE ALSO INFORMED INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR-GENERAL BIRABHONGSE OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN'S TRAVEL PLANS. BIRABHONGSE IS SENIOR
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MFA OFFICER CHARGED WITH HUMAN RIGHTS AND REFUGEE-RELATED MATTERS AND HAD PREVIOUSLY CONVEYED MINISTRY'S STRONG INTEREST IN VISIT TO THAILAND BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN. BIRABHONGSE SAID HE WAS DELIGHTED AND INDICATED THAT MINISTRY HAD ALREADY BEEN GIVING THOUGHT TO A POSSIBLE PROGRAM IN EVENT ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN CAME. HE ASKED THAT WE KEEP IN CONTACT WITH HIM

IN DEVELOPING SCHEDULE SUGGESTIONS.

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